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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar. Address of Plaintiff: 102 Pine Drive, Milton, DE 19968 Address of Defendant: c/o Eagle Shipping International, LLC 300 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902 Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: (Use Reverse Side For Additional Space) Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock? (Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a)) No Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities? Yes□ RELATED CASE, IF ANY; Case Number: ____ Judge Date Terminated: Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions: 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? \square_{0M} 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court? 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual? ПУ№ CIVIL: (Place / in one category only) A. Federal Question Cases; B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases: 1.

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Habeas Corpus 8. Products Liability -- Asbestos 9. D Securities Act(s) Cases 9. □ All other Diversity Cases 10. □ Social Security Review Cases (Please specify) 11. □ All other Federal Question Cases (Please specify) ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION (Check Appropriate Category) Scott A. Portner, Esquire , counsel of record do hereby certify: XI Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs; □ Relief other than monetary damages is sought. S crett future DATE: 6-20-1 85314 Attorney I.D.# NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38. I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above. 85314 Attorney I.D,#

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan Section 1:03 - Assignment to a Management Track

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS (See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0,22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

KEVIN HEARN AND TINA HEARN,

Plaintiffs : CIVIL ACTION

VS. : NO.

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ORIOLE SHIPPING, LLC,

Defendant

COMPLAINT JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

- 1. The Plaintiffs Kevin Hearn and Tina Hearn are citizens and residents of the State of Delaware and at all times relevant hereto, have been husband and wife.
- 2. Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the Marshall Islands at Trust Company Complex, Ageltake Road, Ageltake Island, Majuro MH 96960, with an agent for service of process (Eagle Shipping International, LLC located at 300 First Stamford Place, Stamford, CT 06902).
- 3. The jurisdiction of this Court arises under the diversity jurisdiction of this Court, 28 U.S.C. §1332, there being diversity of citizenship among the parties and the amount in controversy being in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00), exclusive of interest and costs.
- 4. Venue is appropriate in this Court since a substantial part of the events giving rise to the claim occurred within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. See 28 U.S.C. §1391 (b) (2).
- 5. At all times material hereto, Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC owned, operated, managed, possessed and controlled a certain bulk carrier vessel known as the M/V ORIOLE.
- 6. On August 2, 2016, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn was working aboard the M/V ORIOLE in the capacity of Docking Pilot and piloted that vessel from its undocking from a berth

in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania to a location in the Delaware River in territorial waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Bucks County, where he was relieved by a River Pilot.

7. On August 2, 2016, and at all times pertinent to this case, the M/V ORIOLE'S gear and equipment included an "accommodation ladder" which was provided by the Defendant for the use of Docking Pilots and other personnel departing the vessel while it was underway at sea.

COUNT I

Claim of Kevin Hearn as a Seaman Against Defendant Under the General Maritime Law

- 8. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in Paragraphs 1 through 8 with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 9. On August 2, 2016, and at all times pertinent to this case, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn was a seaman employed as a Docking Pilot aboard vessels plying the navigable waters of the Delaware River.
- 10. In his capacity as Docking Pilot, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn boarded the M/V ORIOLE on August 2, 2016 at approximately 12:30 p.m. while that vessel was berthed at the GROWS Terminal in Fairless Hills, Pennsylvania.
- 11. Thereafter Plaintiff Kevin Hearn, in his capacity as Docking Pilot, piloted the vessel from its berth at the GROWS Terminal to a position in the Delaware River in Pennsylvania waters off the coast of Bucks County where he was relieved at approximately 1:20 p.m. by a River Pilot.
- 12. In order to facilitate the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn's departure from the vessel upon being relieved by the River Pilot, the vessel's officers and crew had previously rigged the aforedescribed accommodation ladder to the starboard side of the vessel.

- 13. On August 2, 2016 at approximately 1:20 p.m. a tugboat known as the "Theresa McAllister" was positioned in the Delaware River adjacent to the starboard side of the M/V ORIOLE and the accommodation ladder.
- 14. At the aforesaid time and place, the plan was for Mr. Hearn to descend the accommodation ladder and step off a platform at the foot of the ladder onto the deck of the tug.
- 15. As Mr. Hearn was descending the accommodation ladder a ship's officer and/or crew member employed by Defendant was operating the controls which raised and lowered the ladder.
- 16. At the aforesaid time and place, as a direct result of the carelessness and negligence of Defendant, by its officers, crew members, agents, servants, workmen and employees, and/or the unseaworthiness of its vessel, the M/V ORIOLE, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn had to jump from the accommodation ladder onto the adjacent deck of the tug Theresa McAllister, where he landed awkwardly and sustained the injuries which are the subject of this action.
- 16. The carelessness and negligence of Defendant, by its officers, crew members, agents, servants, workmen and employees consisted, **inter alia**, of failing to maintain the accommodation ladder in a safe condition for its intended purpose, failing to keep the accommodation ladder in a safe position and condition for Plaintiff as he was descending the ladder and otherwise failing to exercise reasonable care under the circumstances.
- 17. At all times pertinent hereto, the Defendant's vessel, the M/V ORIOLE, was unseaworthy in that the aforedescribed accommodation ladder was not reasonably fit for its intended purpose and the vessel's officers or crew members assigned to attend the accommodation ladder were not equal in disposition and seamanship to the ordinary seamen in the calling.

18. By reason of the carelessness and negligence of the Defendant as aforesaid, and/or the unseaworthiness of its vessel, the M/V ORIOLE, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn was caused to sustain multiple serious injuries including, but not limited to, a tear of the anterior cruciate ligament and lateral meniscus of his left knee; severe shock and injury to his nerves and nervous system; he has in the past required and may in the future continue to require medicines, medical care and attention; he has in the past suffered and will continue to suffer agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish; he has in the past been disabled and may in the future be disabled from performing his usual duties, occupations and avocations.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Kevin Hearn claims of the Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC a sum in excess of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) together with prejudgment interest and costs and brings this action to recover same.

COUNT II

Alternative Claim of Kevin Hearn as a Business Visitor Against Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC under the General Maritime Law

- 19. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 18 with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 20. On August 2, 2016, Plaintiff Kevin Hearn was aboard the M/V ORIOLE for lawful purposes not inimical to the legitimate interests of the vessel and, accordingly, the Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC owed the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn a duty of exercising reasonable care under the circumstances of the case.
- 21. Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC breached its duty to the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn to exercise reasonable care under the circumstances by, **inter alia**, failing to maintain the accommodation ladder in a safe condition for its intended purpose, failing to keep the

accommodation ladder in a safe position and condition for Plaintiff as he was descending the ladder and otherwise failing to exercise reasonable care under the circumstances.

22. By reason of the Defendant's breach of its duty to exercise reasonable care under the circumstances, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn was caused to sustain multiple serious injuries including, but not limited to, a tear of the anterior cruciate ligament and lateral meniscus of his left knee; severe shock and injury to his nerves and nervous system; he has in the past required and may in the future continue to require medicines, medical care and attention; he has in the past suffered and will continue to suffer agonizing aches, pains and mental anguish; he has in the past been disabled and may in the future be disabled from performing his usual duties, occupations and avocations.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Kevin Hearn claims of the Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC a sum in excess of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) together with prejudgment interest and costs and brings this action to recover same.

COUNT III

Claim of Tina Hearn Against Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC

- 23. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation contained in paragraphs 1 through 22 with the same force and effect as if fully set forth herein.
- 24. By reason of the carelessness and negligence of Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC, as aforesaid, and/or the unseaworthiness of its vessel the M/V ORIOLE, and the resulting injuries suffered by the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn, the Plaintiff Tina Hearn has been and will in the future be deprived of the assistance, society, companionship, comfort and consortium of her husband, the Plaintiff Kevin Hearn, to her detriment and loss.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff Tina Hearn demands judgment against Defendant Oriole Shipping, LLC on this Count III, for a sum in excess of One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000.00) in damages, together with pre-judgment interest and costs and brings this action to recover same.

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